Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of private company		
		RIL	EOL	SIMPL
9	Jharkhand	33	27	-
10	Karnataka	75	64	14
11	Kerala	40	30	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	84	94	-
13	Maharashtra	144	155	1
14	Manipur	-	4	-
15	Meghalaya	6	4	-
16	Mizoram	-	1	-
17	Nagaland	1	3	-
18	Orissa	41	32	-
19	Punjab	77	52	-
20	Rajasthan	106	82	-
21	Sikkim	-	1	-
22	Tamil Nadu	91	54	14
23	Tripura	1	1	-
24	Uttar Pradesh	132	151	-
25	Uttaranchal	11	-	-
26	West Bengal	49	37	-
27	Pondicherry	-	1	-
	TOTAL	1367	1149	32

Checking of adulteration of petroleum products

1594. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase the number of mobile laboratories to check adulteration of petroleum products and to provide petroleum product testing facilities at stationary labs in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Kurnool to expedite petro products analysis reports; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) (a) and (b) It is reported by Department of Consumer Affairs that they have received a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide 121 mobile laboratories

in the context of identifying infrastructure required for implementing the new Bill on Legal Metrology. The Department of Consumer Affairs has included supply of 100 mobile laboratories amongst various States/UTs in the XIth Plan proposal.

Oil exploration in Barmer

†1595. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of crude oil exploration from oilfields found in the district of Barmer in Rajasthan is being carried out speedily;

(b) if so, whether the decision regarding places has been taken when such oil would be refined;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mangalore refinery is not much willing to accept such oil; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating on setting up of any refinery in Barmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir. M/s. Cairn Energy has made 14 oil and gas discoveries in RJ-ON-90/1 block in Barmer area of Rajasthan state/ First oil is expected in 2008-09.

(b) to (d) Government of India has nominated Mangalore Refinery and Petro-chemicals Limited (MRPL), a subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), for lifting of crude oil from the block, ONGC/MRPL has carried out the following studies in this regard:-

(i) Technical Feasibility Study by Engineers India Limited (EIL).

(ii) Market Study by M/s. Nexant.

(iii) Financial Appraisal by M/s. SBI Caps

(iv) ROU Survey by M/s. SECON

Consequent on de-licensing of refinery sector in 1998, a refinery may be set up anywhere in India by a Private or Public sector enterprise. Therefore, it is not the Government, but a Public or a Private sector

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.